



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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RE: Amerock Corporation
Rockford, IL
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Dear Ms. Sturgis:

You have expressed some concerns regarding the status of the site assessment investigation being performed at the subject site under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as Superfund. A "Deferred to RCRA" (Deferred) designation was assigned to the site after the Preliminary Assessment/Visual Site Inspection (PA/VSI) conducted at the facility on March 9, 1992. The Deferred decision does not mean that there is no hazard associated with the given property; it means only that based on available information at the time of the PA/VSI, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) decided not to take further action under the Superfund program.

As discussed in the Federal Register notices 51 FR 41000 dated June 24, 1988, 54 FR 10520 dated March 13, 1989, and 54 FR 41000 dated October 4, 1989, the CERCLA/RCRA policy provides that Superfund will address facilities regulated under RCRA only if the owner/operator of the facility is found to be unable or unwilling to perform RCRA corrective actions at the facility, as required. At the time of the investigation it was concluded that this facility could be address under RCRA authority. Given that Superfund monies were used to conduct the PA/VSI, the facility was listed on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS).

Since February 1995, every site that receives a Deferred designation is remove from CERCLIS to an archive list. Deferred sites are archived as historical records so U.S. EPA does not needlessly repeat the investigations in the future. Sites that received such designation in the past eventually will be removed out of the active list as well. A time frame for this procedure

is hard to establish but we are confident this task can be completed during Fiscal year 1996.

I hope this information answer your questions. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 312/886-7191.

Sincerely,

Sonia R. Vega
IL Site Assessment Manager
Response Section 2